charges and compensation for non supply of Dates, NCCF has filed an arbitration case against the party. Hence no further action is comtemplated.

(b) to (d) No, Sir, according to the terms of the agreement entered with the firm, the NCCF had to move the Delhi High Court for referring the claim matter to the arbitrator. The Delhi High Court vide their order dated 31-7-86 accordingly referred the dispute to the Arbitrator

Setting up of sugar factories

78. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications are pending for setting up cooperative sugar factories in backward areas in Gujarat, Maharashtra and other States;

(b) whether Government are aware that because of the New Sugar Policy, a number of backward areas are deprived of setting up of cooperative sugar factories;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of cooperatives and others have demanded for a change in the new sugar policy; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) At present there are 2 applications before the Central Government for setting up cooperative sugar factories in backward areas in Tamil Nadu.

(b) to (d) Central Government has received a few representations requesting for a change in the licensing policy for new sugar units to be set up in backward areas. It has been clarified that backward areas shall be given priority in the matter of licensing subject to availability of cane and techno-economic feasibility.

Supply of edible oil and foodgrains to Gujarat

79. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has requested to increase the quota of edible oil and foodgrains;

(b) if so, what is the demand of the Gujarat State Government; and

(c) what quantity of edible oil and foodgrains, at present being supplied to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Gujarat have requested for a monthly allocation of 20,000 to 25,000 MTs. of edible oils and 90,000 MTs. of wheat.

(c) The Government of Gujarat have been allocated 24,000 MTs. of imported edible oil each for the months of October and November, 1987. The State Government has been allotted 60,000 MTs. of wheat and 35,000 MTs. of rice each for the months of October, 1987 and November, 1987. They have also been allotted a quantity of 50,000 MTs. of wheat for drought relief in October, 1987.

Oilseed Production

80. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of shortfall in the Kharif Oilseed production and what is its likely impact on the availability vis-a-vis price structure;